

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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Surplus Stocks

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country is holding excess foodgrain stocks worth nearly Rs. 50,000 crore over and above the stipulated buffer limits;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government was able to offload less than 2 million tonnes from the 15 million tonnes targeted to be liquidated during the last year; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): The stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool as on 1.4.2016 was 36.69 million tons as against the foodgrains stocking norms for Central Pool (Buffer Norms) of 21.04 million tons for April-June quarter.

(c) & (d): During the year 2015-16, Government of India has allocated 61.10 million tons of foodgrains for Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS)/ National Food Security Act (NFSA), Other Welfare Schemes (OWS), natural calamities etc. This includes additional allocation of around 5 million tons of foodgrains allocated over and above the normal TPDS/NFSA allocation during 2015-16 for Above Poverty Line (APL) and Below Poverty Line (BPL) families. Government has also sold a quantity of 7.19 million tons of foodgrains during 2015-16 under the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) through e-auction.
